

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Howard Benjamin, *et al.*

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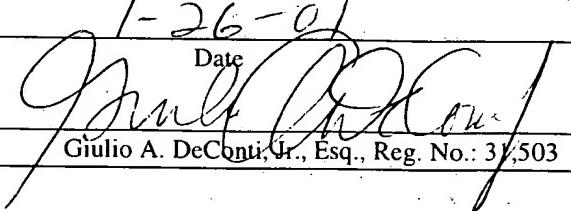
Dear Sir:

Applicants request a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to file an Appeal Brief from the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal, on June 30, 2000, extending five months from August 30, 2000 to January 30, 2001. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a Continuation Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is being filed concurrently herewith.

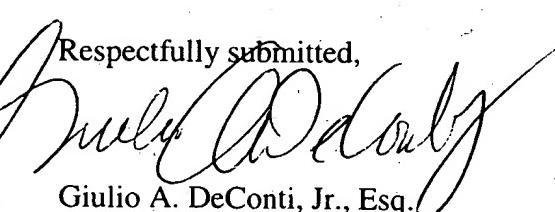
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